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MINUTES OF THE 60TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GOOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Harpersville Baptist Church,

Harpersville, Shelby Co., Ala., September 13-14, A. D.

1893.

OFFICERS:

ABNER WILLIAMS, *Moderator*, Oxford, Ala.

LEALIS LAW, *Clerk*, Cropwell, Ala.

G. A. JOINER, *Assistant Clerk*, Talladega, Ala.

J. A. POWE, *Treasurer*, Talladega, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Talladega Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1894.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association cannot rule, but may advise, the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present: provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- RULE 1.** The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- RULE 2.** A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
- RULE 3.** The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.
- RULE 4.** Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.
- RULE 5.** The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.
- RULE 6.** The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in case of a tie.
- RULE 7.** The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.
- RULE 8.** Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.
- RULE 9.** A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.
- RULE 10.** When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.
- RULE 11.** When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.
- RULE 12.** All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.
- RULE 13.** Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.
- RULE 14.** When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.
- RULE 15.** No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.
- RULE 16.** No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.
- RULE 17.** The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.
- RULE 18.** The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.
- RULE 19.** Any member violating these rules shall be reprovod by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

- FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.
 3. Elect Officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
 4. Read Rules of Decorum.
 5. Invite Churches to Unite with our Association.
 6. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.
 7. Call for Correspondence from Associations.
 8. Appoint Committee on Finance.
 9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
 10. Appoint Committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
 11. Appoint Committee to Nominate the Time and Place of Next Meeting, Principal and Alternate to Preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
 12. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
 13. Report on Temperance.
 14. Report on Sabbath-schools.
 15. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
 16. Miscellaneous Business. 17. Adjourn.
- SECOND DAY.—18. Devotional Exercises.
19. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
 20. Miscellaneous Business.
 21. Report on State Missions.
 22. Report on Home Missions.
 23. Report on Foreign Missions.
 24. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
 25. Report on Ministerial Education.
 26. Report on General Education (male and female).
 27. Miscellaneous Business. 28. Adjourn.
- THIRD DAY.—29. Devotional Exercises.
30. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
 31. Miscellaneous Business.
 32. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions from Churches.
 33. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
 34. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
 35. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
 36. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
 37. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
 38. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
 39. Return Correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands, Unity.
 40. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten).
 41. Appoint Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
 42. Report of Committee on Finance.
 43. Report of Treasurer of Association.
 44. Call for Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers for next year.
 45. Order Clerk's Salary paid and Minutes printed.
 46. Appoint Committees to report next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (male and female), Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work.
 47. Appropriate surplus Minute Funds, etc. (if any).
 48. Miscellaneous Business.
 49. Read Minutes of this day's session. 50. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

HARPERSVILLE, SHEEBY COUNTY, ALA.,

September 13, A. D. 1893.

Messengers to compose the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Harpersville Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Abner Williams, Moderator, opened the session by reading the 147th Psalm.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. G. Mullen. Text, Gal. 2:20. Prayer offered by Elder J. M. McCord of Unity Association.

Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Paul Castleberry of Cahaba Valley Association.

Messengers' names enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

OXFORD—Abner Williams, T. A. Howle, S. P. Ingram.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholt, C. B. Hughes.

MUNFORD—Letter.

IRONATON—No report.

SALEM—J. J. Tant, W. B. Davis, J. S. Haynes.

REFUGE—Letter.

PLUM SPRING—O. P. Ford, A. S. Heath.

BLUE EYE—T. K. Trotter, M. W. Beavers, M. D. Beavers, L. M. Madden.

LINCOLN—A. W. Bell, W. R. Davis.

DRY VALLEY—A. A. Hutto, J. W. McCain, W. J. Hollingsworth, J. B. Whitten.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. N. Cooper, E. Ogletree, B. Ogletree, B. Elliott, D. W. Hawthorne.

PROVIDENCE (Talladega Co.)—J. H. Pope, J. D. Davis.

TALLADEGA—J. A. French, G. A. Joiner, Jno. C. Williams, A. C. Baker, D. M. Mallory, S. A. Austin, George Kyser, Harvey Joiner.

SECOND DISTRICT.

MENFROE—F. G. Mullen.
 HEPZIBAH—L. Merkl, W. W. Holman, J. P. White.
 CARTERSVILLE—J. L. Dake, J. E. Goodwin.
 ALPINE—S. W. Welch, J. J. Henderson.
 WINTERBORO—H. D. Moore, J. M. Fuqua, R. H. Alsop.
 MT. IDA—J. M. Solley, J. O. Tomlin, J. A. Jennings.
 TALLASSAHATCHIE—Letter.
 SYCAMORE—W. F. Burk, H. C. Burk.
 PILGRIM'S REST—No report.
 ROCKY MOUNT—G. W. Thrasher, Thomas White.
 MT. ZION—G. S. Ham, H. G. Darby, W. H. Malone.

THIRD DISTRICT.

FORT WILLIAMS—L. A. Daniel, Sr., L. A. Daniel, Jr.
 MT. SHARON—J. H. Jones, H. J. Coleman, K. J. Thomas.
 CHILDERSBURG—Thomas Henderson, D. B. Oden, J. A. Butts.
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 MACEDONIA—A. M. Posey, J. H. Martin, M. Clinkscates.
 COOSA VALLEY—T. J. Glidewell, G. R. Hardwick, J. C. Walker, J. P. Baugh.
 CROPWELL—L. Law, N. Willingham, J. H. McKelvey.
 SEDDON—W. D. Hancock, W. J. Manning, Tighlman White.
 RIVERSIDE—Letter.

New churches received at this session :

OAK GROVE—T. R. Morris, David Lackey, N. M. Jarvis.
 NEW HOPE—A. J. Worthy, Thomas Reese, Dock Lee.

The letters from the churches were read by Jno. C. Williams and A. W. Bell.

Officers elected by acclamation :

ABNER WILLIAMS, Moderator.
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Official visitors :

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Programme of business of previous session adopted.

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FINANCE—L. A. Daniel, Sr., S. P. Ingram, M. D. Beavers.

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NOMINATIONS—G. A. Joiner, N. Willingham, A. C. Baker, J. D. Davis, C. F. Elliott.

G. A. Joiner was requested to take charge of funds sent to the Association and deliver same to J. A. Powe, Treasurer-elect.

The New Hope Baptist church and the Oak Grove Baptist church, recently organized, presented petitionary letters for membership, with messengers and funds to represent them. They were received and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers present by the Moderator.

Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

The entrance of God's word gives light. No Christian can intelligently and usefully fill the measure of his responsibility, both personal and relative, without the guidance of God's holy word. The scribe must be instructed unto the kingdom of heaven; therefore the psalmist says, "Open thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Your committee therefore recommend to the individual members of our churches the reading more uniformly and more closely the grandest of all literature, the word of God, relying more upon the sword of the Spirit to fit and inform the soul for the practical work of Christianity than upon mere feeling, which at best is evanescent, and unless produced and sustained by the word of truth is not a sure guide. We also recommend the taking of our denominational papers, such as the Alabama Baptist, the State Mission Quarterly, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field; and in Sunday-school literature the series known as the Southern Baptist Convention Series (formerly Kind Words); believing that the use of these keeps the Christian man or woman abreast of the times and in line with the demands on personal responsibility and consecration.

LEALIS LAW,
 J. M. SOLLEY, Com.

Discussed by J. M. Solley. Adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported :

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 J. M. SOLLEY, Com.

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Committee on Temperance reported :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The greatest enemy to our race is the drinking habit, a too strong indulgence in alcoholic beverages.

If we refer back to the Confession of the Waldenses and Albigenses, as far back as the year 1120, or nearly 600 years ago, we would find a description of a drinking tavern or groggery as applicable now as then.

It will be seen that strong drink holds its own, and that the fruits thereof are as deadly and destroying now as they were in ancient days.

A tavern is the fountain of sin, the school of the Devil; it works wonders fitting the place. It is the manner of God to show his power in the church and to work miracles—that is to say, to give sight to the blind, to make the lame go, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear; but the Devil does quite contrary to all this in a tavern, for when a drunkard goeth to a tavern he goeth uprightly, but when he cometh forth he cannot go at all, and he has lost his sight, his hearing and his speech.

The lectures that are read in this school of the Devil are, gluttonies, oaths, perjuries, lying and blasphemies, and divers other villainies, for in a tavern are quarrels, slanders, contentions, murders. How is it now—now, in our progressive nineteenth century? About the same, if not worse.

The able report of last year leaves nothing more to add, except a strong appeal to all the churches composing our Association to stamp drunkenness out of their midst, for it is, or at least seems to be, a lamentable fact that of all the public offenses committed that of drunkenness, in the person of a gray-headed saint(?), is too often very leniently handled, if not entirely ignored. This ought not to be so, should not be so. The Church of Christ is able to cope with this evil. As charity commences at home, so let us endeavor, with the help of God who is always our present help, in our own respective churches to banish this crying evil, setting a good example to our fellow-men, and especially to our children; and if a hundred thousand drunkards, as shown by last year's report, will have to fill drunkards' graves, let us pray daily that we ourselves may not prove stumbling-stones to our children, so that in time to come our posterity may receive from our hands and uphold and defend the banner of Temperance, now trampled under the feet of the drunkards.

LEOPOLD MERKL, Chairman.

Discussed by Jno. C. Williams, J. M. Solley, F. G. Mullen, P. Castleberry, H. G. Darby, J. D. Davis, D. B. Oden, J. A. French, E. B. Teague, J. M. McCord, Thomas Henderson, G. A. Joiner, L. Law. Adopted.

Committee on Centennial Work reported:

REPORT ON CENTENNIAL WORK.

It was with mingled feelings of anxiety and hope that your committee undertook the important obligation of fostering and developing a larger missionary spirit among our people, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of our modern missionary enterprise. It is with joy and thanksgiving that they present this report of the results, which have, in the main, been most gratifying.

During the past associational year special Centennial meetings have been held at the following churches within our limits, at each of which offerings were made: Harpersville, Fayetteville, Tallassahatchie, Syllacauga (Mt. Zion), Alpine, Winterboro, Wilsonville, Blue Eye, Lincoln, Seddon, Oxford, Cropwell, Talladega. Meetings were previously held at Pleasant Grove, Childersburg and Parker Memorial churches. In these special meetings your committee had the assistance of such brethren as Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D.D., Dr. Geo. B. Eager, Rev. W. H. Smith, Rev. M. M. Wood, B. F. Riley, D.D., Dr. S. C. Clopton and Rev. J. M. Waller, in addition to those in charge of the churches.

Our State was requested by the Southern Baptist Convention to raise \$15,000 toward this object, and the work throughout Alabama has been most satisfactory, over \$13,000 having already been raised and paid in to the Boards. In his report of the work in this State, the chairman, Dr. Geo. B. Eager, says: "We have had our share of disaffection and opposition among brethren to contend with, not to speak of a number of important pastoral changes which embarrassed or interfered with the collection of numerous pledges to the work. But despite all this we have been cheered by a thousand evidences of sympathy and interest, by good audiences and good collections for the most part, by the evident presence and power of the Holy Spirit in many of our meetings, and by the growing conviction in the minds of our best people all over the State that the work will accrue to the permanent benefit of the cause of missions and true love of Christ and lost men." He gives special credit to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, the efficient State Secretary, for the success of the work in Alabama, who in turn generously attributes it to the assistance of about fifty of our busiest pastors.

As the State Board has extended the centennial period till next November, we earnestly hope Alabama's full quota will be secured. Above all, we trust the vantage which has been gained will prove permanently uplifting and broadening in its influence on the churches of our Association and State, that henceforth we may be missionaries not only in profession but in reality

J. A. FRENCH,
THOS. HENDERSON, Com.

Adopted.

Time appointed for preaching missionary sermon, Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

Hours of meeting and adjournment: Meet 8 A. M., adjourn 12 M.; meet 1 P. M., adjourn 4:30 P. M.; meet 7:30 P. M., adjourn at will.

The Association then adjourned, with prayer, to Thursday 8 A. M.

THURSDAY, 8 A. M., September 14.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association resumed work. Moderator read 90th Psalm. Prayer by E. B. Teague. Minutes read and approved and roll verified.

J. M. Solley reported Pilgrim's Rest as without organiza-

tion and pastorless. Said church was stricken from the roll.

A letter of dismission was granted Plum Spring church to unite with the Calhoun Association.

Committee on State Missions reported :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Time and experience have shown not only that there is no conflict between State Missions and those of the Domestic Board of the State Board, but that an amount of work has been accomplished by the State Board that could not have been accomplished by any other agency. The truth is, moral duties, like moral truth, in the hands of good men, always will harmonize. For when all agencies for spreading the gospel shall have been prosecuted to the last result much will remain undone.

The profoundest expression of concern for others which the word of God contains is a union of patriotism and christianity: "I say the truth in Christ. I lie not; my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart, for I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kindred according to the flesh." Perhaps it is not in the power of language to express a more intense anxiety. The full force of the two strongest emotions that can stir the human heart, the love of country and the love of Christ, are combined in the passage, giving to it an air of mystery which has repelled the criticisms of ages. Thus much it doth mean, if no more, that the condition of his countrymen awakened in the apostle's heart the last agony of concern that could appeal to it. No other aspect of our fallen humanity ever could arouse a deeper depth.

The work of our State Mission Board strikes this very chord in our hearts. Our own State presents the field, our own people the object, of our christian philanthropy. The future history and destiny of Alabama is our future history and destiny.

Brethren, we lay the emphasis of our work here. We bid you look over your own State. We ask you to consider your own home and the future home of your children. We beg you to consider yourselves as parts of this old commonwealth, bound up in its future career for weal or woe. We urge you to realize that under God you are now sitting in judgment upon that future career; that you are now called upon to operate an agency that will make that future glorious, or, failing in this, doom it to darkness and ruin. If there be truth in Christianity, the hope of this country, of this world, it is in a pure, spiritual, Bible Christianity. Is it expecting too much that this body, that the Baptists of Alabama, shall give to this work their wisest counsels, their most fervent prayers, and their most liberal contributions, until the entire State shall be occupied by the missionaries of the cross? We trust not.

We think the lack of system in our country churches is the principal hindrance to financial success, as is shown by the fact that the most liberal churches are those most persevering in pursuing a regular system of collections for mission work. We feel that there is an unholy war being waged against our Corresponding Secretary and his agents for confining themselves to the city churches. We feel that the country churches are not educated to christian giving

as they should be, but when the faithful pastor tries to teach them that christian giving is christian living some of the members say, "I will stay away from church if the preacher don't quit begging so much." But they should be taught that when they give to State missions their own destitute in Alabama get the benefit.

The State Board has been organized eighteen years, and we find from the reports that there is less interest in the State mission work now than there was in 1890 and '91. In 1891 the Coosa River Association paid to State missions \$546.80, in 1892 \$215.02—a falling off of \$331.78 in one year. This ought not to be so. We therefore recommend that the ministers preaching to churches in the bounds of this Association be requested to preach a missionary sermon to their churches in January next and take up a collection in cash and pledges to be paid to the next Association for mission work.

G. S. HAM, Chairman.

Committee on Bible and Colportage Work reported : REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Through the wisdom of the last State Convention this board became a department of the State Board of Missions, retaining Bro. Collier as its secretary.

This is one of the most important works of the Baptists of Alabama. It is truly a mission work. David speaks of the Bible as a "lamp to our feet and a light to our path;" and again he says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb, and in keeping of them there is great reward." Paul says: "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword." "It has God for its author and salvation for its end." It is the book of books and contains the knowledge of all other books; therefore it should be given to the children of men. No work is of more importance than the spread of God's word. The translation of the Bible was the chief and crowning glory of Wycliff's life and the lever by which the papal power of Great Britain was overthrown. More than a century before Martin Luther was born Wycliff planted the seeds of the reformation which was to shake the Romish church to its center. Truly he was "the Rising Star of the Reformation." What the Bible was to past ages it has been to the present and will be to the future—"the power of God unto salvation."

The Baptists should delight in giving the Bible to the world. It is indeed a Baptist book. While others are anxious to give a book of common prayer and a copy of their discipline to the people, the Baptists would rather put into their hands a copy of the word of God, which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

The department has in the field thirteen colporteurs, but the stringency in money matters has greatly retarded the work. They have bought of the department during the year between \$500 and \$600 worth of books, and have paid in to the Board near \$250. They report it hard to sell books, owing to the scarcity of money, and very little has been done in that line. Yet they are on the go, trying to do what they can in the Master's name, distributing tracts, donating the word of God to the destitute, and preaching and hold-

ing services with families destitute of the privilege of public worship. The sales of the Board up to August 1 amounted to \$3331. While the Board is greatly encouraged by the patronage of the Sunday-schools, yet much remains to be done to induce them to order their supplies through the Board. For the month of June the Board received orders from 260 schools, and they earnestly desire that every school in the State order through the department. The price is the same as at the publishing house, and by ordering through the department the schools contribute 15 per cent of their orders to the Board, thereby helping them to pay expenses and to donate to schools unable to supply themselves. The contributions fall far short of last year up to date. The contributions last year were nearly \$600; this year about \$200. The department needs money badly; it is in debt, and the debt must be paid. Your committee would recommend that the churches take up special collections at an early date for this work and forward at once to the Board. We would also urge that every Association put a missionary and colporteur in the field, not so much to visit our towns and villages as to go into the destitute regions, in the mountains and hills, preaching as they go, scattering tracts and selling good books and the word of God, thereby educating the people. The cause of Christ will be promoted, the missionary spirit strengthened and Alabama redeemed for Christ.

F. G. MULLEN, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past year has, perhaps, been characterized by a profounder sense of obligation, among Southern Baptists, to give the gospel to the nations of earth than any preceding it. This has been due, in large measure, to the interest awakened throughout our borders by the Centennial of Missions, which, strictly speaking, was a celebration of the foreign missionary movement. For more than a year there was heard in our churches and read in our papers the story of the heroism of Carey, Marshman, Ward, Judson and their successors, who counted not their lives dear unto themselves so that they might finish their course with joy, and the ministry which they had received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God. This stirred the great Baptist heart and enthused the best element of our people in such a degree that there has been larger liberality, and the churches, it is hoped, have been permanently raised to a higher spiritual plane. If this shall prove true, the honored brethren who conceived and fostered the Centennial Celebration will have written their names ineffaceably on the pages of our history and will have built for the ages.

One object which was kept before the denomination throughout the Centennial year was the suggestion of the Foreign Mission Board that "as a suitable and wise memorial the Baptists of the South, among other objects of religious effort, should during the Centennial year strive to put one hundred missionaries in the foreign field—one missionary for each year of this missionary era—and to increase correspondingly every department of missionary work." It is with great satisfaction that your Committee states that about fifty of these missionaries have been sent out to the different pagan and papal fields, and that others have already applied for appointment, ready to go as soon as the denomination shall give the Board the means wherewith to defray their expenses. During the last

Centennial year there were baptisms in our foreign fields as follows: In Italy, 72; in Brazil, 96; in Mexico, 94; in Japan, 26; in Africa, 20; in China, 75. There was received during the Centennial year from all sources \$155,937.23. It is but just to say that various States had not reported their full centennial collections when this report was rendered, and that in several of them the period has been extended. It is due our noble women and the young people also to state that \$36,042.78 was raised by them for this Board in the year 1892-93, an increase of over \$11,000. Your Committee calls the attention of the Association to the fact that since the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville in May the faithful and honored Corresponding Secretary of the Board for a quarter of a century, Rev. H. A. Tupper, D.D., has resigned and has been succeeded by Rev. R. J. Willingham, D.D., of Memphis; also to the fact that the efficient Assistant Corresponding Secretary for several years, Dr. T. P. Bell, closed his labors with the conventional year, to assume the Corresponding Secretaryship of the Sunday-school Board of the Convention. It is believed by wise brethren that Dr. Willingham will make us an earnest, consecrated and efficient secretary.

Let all our churches rally to the support of this Board and its missionaries, and pray and contribute regularly to the end that the nations of earth may become the people of our God and his Son Jesus Christ, that he may reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

J. A. FRENCH, Chairman.

The above reports were laid on the table and made special order at 1 P. M.

Committee on General Education reported:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

One popular error is that education consists in pouring into the young mind the contents of text-books. Education, however, is to draw out, not to pour in. It is the harmonious development or drawing out of all the powers—mental, moral and physical. To gain knowledge and train the intellectual faculties is only a small part of true education.

The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives are to be inspired, a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances.

The object of education should be to give children resources that will endure as long as life shall last; that will make life pleasant, dignified and useful, age venerable, sickness more tolerable, and death less terrible.

The formation of character—that which does more to make the real man or woman of subsequent life, the moulding forces which fix their impress most lastingly on the mind and heart—are in the home. In the home are concentrated those agencies and influences which fashion and indelibly stamp the character of the young for good or ill, for time and eternity.

The child's education should begin in the mother's arms. High authority has said that a man learns more the first five years that he lives than in his whole life thereafter. The work of laying the foundation of a child's education must be done in the home. It cannot be delegated to the teacher, because for good or evil it is

already laid when the child begins its school days. The home training of children is the first, most important and imperative Christian duty.

Then the children should be sent to the country or neighborhood schools, as it is here the masses must be educated. These schools should be made better, and should include all the studies from primary up to the junior class in the best college. Make these schools so good that none would go to another because there was no other better to go to. And all leaving these schools would be good and thorough scholars and equipped for the battle of life.

We have two denominational colleges in the State, one for boys and one for girls, the Howard and the Judson. And after passing through the schools above named, if there are those able to do so or those who wish to make special preparation for special callings in life, then let them take a full course in these institutions.

At any cost or sacrifice, educate your children. Educate your sons and daughters, that their lives may be happy and useful, that they may attain unto perfect manhood and womanhood both for this life and that which is to come.

Educate, because education is one of the strongest bulwarks and safeguards of our republican government. Educate, because Christian education is second in importance to the Christian religion and is religion's strongest auxiliary, either in advancing or maintaining its doctrines.

J. C. WRIGHT,
A. W. BELL,
A. G. WELDON,
Committee.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

When we look back over the past fifty years of our denomination's history, we have great cause to "thank God and take courage." A small handful of simple-hearted, uncultured laborers have grown into a large body of cultured, well-disciplined men who are a pride not only to our State but to our Southern Zion. We congratulate the denomination on the progress we have made in ministerial education, and while we gratefully acknowledge the splendid work accomplished by that grand army of unlettered heroes who have gone forth in the fear of God with staff in hand and the Bible under their arms; and while we grant that there always has been and always will be work for these men to do; and while we would in no wise cast any reflection upon them or undervalue their services, yet in the judgment of your Committee the demands of the times make a higher and broader education in our ministry imperative.

The noble band of consecrated men who have gone before have felled the forest and prepared the way, and are now going home rejoicing, bearing many sheaves; but with the advance of the age and the higher culture of the few, the ministry must keep step or fall short of the full measure of their usefulness.

The students of science are developing every day some new truth, and in many instances these truths appear to conflict with revelation. But science is the essence of truth, and God is truth; hence every truly scientific fact must be a footprint of the Creator. Now there can be no conflict between true science and revelation, for both are God's work; and we plead for a ministry so broadly

educated that they shall be able to demonstrate to the educated world the perfect harmony of the two.

The so-called higher criticisms and the isms of every nature that are abroad in the land need to be met boldly and with reason, and we see no way to compass this end except to equip those whom we send forth to labor in the Master's vineyard for this special work.

The State of Alabama is doing a grand work along this line. We had last year at Howard College 25 ministerial students and 9 at the Louisville Seminary. The Board of Ministerial Education has been hard pressed for funds, and the faculty of Howard College have been forced to contribute of their meager salaries to defray the expenses of these young men. This should not be so, brethren. It is the duty of the pew to educate the ministry, and your Committee recommend that a special contribution be called for from the churches.

We have in the bounds of our Association three young men preparing for the ministry, and since God has answered our prayers to send laborers into the vineyard let us come up like men and equip the laborers for their work.

S. W. WELCH,
J. B. GRAHAM,
JAS. MARTIN,
Committee.

Both reports discussed by B. F. Giles, P. Castleberry, W. S. Henderson, J. M. McCord, J. A. French, E. B. Teague.

Reports adopted.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

CHURCHES.	INDIVIDUAL.
Salem \$ 5 00	T. A. Howle \$ 5 00
Blue Eye 5 00	C. B. Hughes 5 00
Pleasant Grove 5 00	A. W. Bell 5 00
Talladega 25 00	J. W. McCain 2 00
Renfro 5 00	J. D. Davis 5 00
Alpine 15 00	W. W. Holman (pd.) 1 00
Tallasahatchie 5 00	J. E. Goodwin 1 00
Fort Williams 5 00	J. L. Dake 5 00
Mt. Sharon 5 00	H. D. Moore 5 00
Childersburg (L.A.S.) 5 00	J. M. Solley 2 00
Wilsonville 5 00	J. C. Tomlin 2 00
Providence 1 00	J. A. Jennings (pd.) 1 00
Harpersville 10 00	T. W. White 1 00
Cropwell 5 00	G. W. Thrasher 1 00
Seddon 5 00	G. S. Ham 5 00
New Hope 2 00	H. G. Darby 2 50
	J. H. Weldon 5 00
	J. F. Pope 5 00
	J. H. Roberson (pd.) 1 00
	T. J. Martin 5 00
	C. F. Elliott 2 00
	G. R. Hardwick 2 00
	N. Willingham 1 00
	J. H. McKelvey 1 00
Total \$108 00	Total \$70 50

RECAPITULATION.

From churches	\$108 00
From individuals	70 50
Grand total	\$178 50

Reports on General and Ministerial Education adopted.
Adjourned to 1 P. M.

THURSDAY, September 14, 1 P. M.

Association came to order. Devotional services conducted by Moderator. Prayer by A. A. Hutto.

W. Wilkes, being present, was invited to the privileges of the floor as a visiting minister.

The Committee on Home Missions reported :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To favor one thing is not necessarily to oppose another, even though it were an opposite. Home missions lie at the foundation of all missions, if State missions are embraced. In all vocations and pursuits of men, the first step toward success is to put the narrower circles and lines in the best possible trim and order for the more certain success in the broader fields to be reached and occupied. If we lose our hold on American claims and religious needs our country and others together must tumble in common into a state of irretrievable loss.

Your Committee therefore recommend more special attention as a primary consideration, to State and Home Missions.

W. WILKES, Chairman.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions and Bible and Colportage Work were then discussed by W. Wilkes, G. S. Ham, J. M. Solley, Thos. Henderson, F. G. Mullen, B. F. Giles, A. A. Hutto, Jno. C. Williams, W. S. Henderson, J. A. Butts, T. K. Trotter.

The several reports were then adopted.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported :

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It is with pleasure that we note the growing interest in and prosperity of the Sunday-school work in this Association; yet we regret that so many of our churches have failed heretofore to engage in this important work, and that so many members of all the churches do not attend Sabbath-school. We desire in this connection to enter our most emphatic protest against that often repeated excuse that it is not convenient to maintain a Sunday-school because the membership live too far from the church. The same law that demands the organization of a church and the maintenance of preaching demands that the whole church meet on the Lord's day

in a Sabbath-school to study and teach the word of God; and God will not hold us guiltless on account of distance from the church. We recommend that the Sabbath-school be brought nearer the church conference and that the church give more attention to the doctrines taught in the Sabbath-school; that the church in conference see that the very best material is selected for superintendent and teachers; that the church keep the Sabbath-school under its prayerful and watchful care. Let our motto be: A Sabbath-school in every church and the whole church in the Sabbath-school. Oh, that the church would rouse up and get to work in this most important cause—moulding and shaping character in the young.

The Sabbath-school is a missionary work of the church. If we are Missionary Baptists we must be Sunday-school Baptists. In most churches the Sabbath-school is not recognized as it should be. The members are too careless about attending Sabbath-school. It seems to us that some think they have graduated in the Sabbath-school and therefore need no more of it; but let such pause a while before they abandon the school, and think over the demands that it has upon them, for the more they have learned and the further their experience extends the greater is the demand of Sabbath-school work upon them. What has been done along this line is only a fair beginning of what is yet to be done. We need a missionary revival in the Sabbath-schools of this Association. The relation of school to the work is easily seen and understood. We as churches must step to the music of God's grand march of progress—do what God's providences are calling upon us to do. It is the business of the church to see to the training of the young, to see what it is, and to know what it should be. Let the church go into the Sabbath-school and hew out its pillars for the next generation to come. The foundation must be laid, and in the Sabbath-school it is laid right or wrong. The Sabbath-school is not an institution apart from the church any more than the prayer-meeting is. It should be the church at work for Christ and itself. Our commission as teachers is not one of spiritual weakness. We cannot carry out this commission without doing things for Christ that demand prayer, faith and courage. It is too common to limit our faith in the power of Christ to save lost souls in the infant class. Sin, we think, has not intrenched itself in them as it has in the more hardened cases. As the twig is bent the tree will grow. The obligation rests upon the teacher as a witness for Christ to the scholar. Let us make the whole church a school for disciples, a feeding and folding place for the lambs. The life of a child, first of all, is full of faith. No one believes and has confidence as a child. It believes all we tell it and doubts nothing until deceived by the lips of those it trusted. For that end the teacher stands before his or her class to witness to the truth. Oh, what power for good or evil he or she has in the bosom of the little one who gets the first chance at its tender life! Some one has that chance, some one is first.

Missionary work in its nature is personal work. When our churches have realized that the Sabbath-schools are as life, soul-saving institutions as any of the life-saving stations on our coasts, and will make them what they ought to be, then will the Sabbath-school work be like a rolling ball of fire, consuming every opposition rising before it. This work is laying hold upon the unchurched masses. Now if the Sabbath-school is such a missionary work, what will it accomplish if the churches all come to the front and stand by its side with their combined power? We insist that the

pastors of the several churches give this work more of their attention; that they present it with all their power to the churches and arouse them to a sense of the importance of the Sabbath-school work. These fine boys and bright girls that from time to time find their way into our Sabbath-schools—what shall we do with them? Ah! that is a question indeed. The Sunday-school should mean the church at work among the young, especially for two ends: first, the salvation of the unsaved; second, the training of the saved for the service of Christ. Children out of Christ need to be brought to Christ (into Christ) before we can do anything toward training them for Christ. Until the scholar is saved by the grace of God all the rest of our work is at a great disadvantage. The Sunday-school is therefore a soul-saving institution before it is anything else. Being such, then what should it next be? It must work on this converted material, which is as clay placed by God in the teacher's hand with the command to take it and mould it for him. The babe in Christ must not be left alone to shift for itself, any more than the babe in the home should be left to make its own living. Children are as likely to believe what they are taught as others, possibly more so. God has therefore laid in each teacher's hand, as Sabbath-school scholars, the future members of our church, the future ministers of our church, the future missionaries of our church. In the development of Christian character we must have a purpose before us, as well as an ideal; that is, we must seek to make the child Christ-like for some definite purpose. So in building Christian character it must be as practical in its purpose as it is ideal in its conception. The Sabbath-school is the primary school and drill room of the future missionary of the church. Let this purpose and ministry of our Sabbath-schools be more fully recognized in the future than it has been in the past. The Sabbath-school is where the Bible is studied. Let this book be taught faithfully to the little people by every device that ingenuity can construct. Associate it in their minds with all that is best and most sacred in the sweetness of home and the sanctity of the Sabbath, and thus lay the foundation of a character which shall stand the test of temptations in later life, and upon which shall rise a superstructure of achievement, of reputation and of eternal blessedness hereafter. Parents should remember that they are setting examples before their children, either good or evil; and when the spirit and conduct of parents sustain the letter of the word, then is that word clothed with peculiar power. Words are weightless things unless sustained by example. The way to get children to the Sabbath-school is for parents to go themselves. Children naturally want to go where their parents go. The chief reason why so many of our children are out of the Sabbath-schools is because parents do not attend themselves. They want a Sabbath-school, but do not care to attend it themselves. The way to have a good school, and one that will do good, is for all to attend and do what they can to make it good.

JOHN L. DAKE, Chairman.

Discussed by G. A. Joiner, J. N. Cooper, F. G. Mullen,
J. M. Solley, T. K. Trotter, J. A. Butts, D. B. Oden. Adopted.
Pro Rating Committee reported:

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

There being no specified amount asked to be contributed from the churches comprising this Association by the State Mission Board for the ensuing associational year, your Committee, after diligent inquiry as to the financial ability of the churches, ask that they give for the objects fostered by this Association, embracing state, home and foreign missions, colportage and bible work, the following amounts:

Talladega	\$250	Alpine	50
Mt. Zion	40	Harpersville	50
Spring Creek	30	Riverside	10
Salem	20	Renfro	20
Hepzibah	25	Seddon	15
Winterboro	60	Ohildersburg	30
Lincoln	30	Providence (Talladega)	15
Antioch	20	Dry Valley	10
Munford	25	Tallassahatchie	20
Refuge	20	Wilsonville	50
Rocky Mount	10	Pleasant Grove	35
Ironaton	15	Mt. Sharon	25
Coosa Valley	30	Providence (Shelby)	10
Blue Eye	30	New Hope	10
Fort Williams	30	Oak Grove	10
Macedonia	25	Mt. Ida	10
Cropwell	30	Sycamore	15
Cartersville	10		

A. W. BELL, G. S. HAM,
J. F. POPE, J. C. TOMLIN,
H. D. MOORE, Committee.

Discussed by J. A. French, A. W. Bell, G. A. Joiner, W. S. Henderson, J. M. Solley. Adopted.

Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored People reported:

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Your Committee assumes that Baptists, and Christians of whatever name, agree that the colored race should be evangelized. We consider no argument necessary on this point. But how to evangelize the colored race is the question we should consider.

First. The negroes are in great need of Bible instruction. Many of their preachers are ignorant in regard to the teachings of the Bible and the hearers are being fed on ignorance and hallucination.

Second. We would suggest that all work done among the race be to the end of giving them proper instruction and to impress upon them their responsibility of obeying the teachings of the Bible.

Third. Whenever practicable, we suggest that the Baptists of Alabama unite and secure competent preachers (from their own race if possible) to go among them teaching their preachers and explaining the great Bible truths of salvation.

Fourth. That all work among the colored race should be to impress upon them their responsibility to obey the teachings of the Bible, the commands of God and the laws of our land.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS, D. B. ODEN,
W. R. THOMPSON, Committee.

Discussed by Jno. C. Williams, J. M. Solley. Adopted.
Adjourned to 7 P. M. Prayer by J. N. Cooper.

THURSDAY, 14th, 7 P. M.

Association came to order. Moderator read Psalms 133 and 134. Prayer by J. H. Pope.

Committee on Woman's Work reported :

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The precise sphere which woman should fill in church and state has been a matter more or less of controversy. The great apostle to the gentiles is very pronounced against woman preaching, and he lays upon it his solemn disavowal. Still, in the 14th chapter of Philippians he speaks words of commendation for those women who had labored with him in the gospel. While he enjoins silence in church he did not enjoin silence upon women everywhere else. Though silence be enjoined upon her in the congregation, she still is to be a religious force. The apostle seems to have been setting bounds to woman's endeavor in a wrong direction that such endeavor might be exerted in a right direction.

The hand of woman is to be recognized in the kingdom of grace, and with her earnest devotion and sublime faith she has a blessed work to do, a work upon the doing of which the benediction of heaven descends. She has a definite work to do and her religious power is to be felt. The power which she is to exert is a specific force, which to be effective must be exerted in that way which God has given it tendency. In our day, when every religious and irreligious, moral and immoral force is being exerted for all it is worth, we need not wonder that woman, with the earnestness of her zeal and the sublimity of her faith, should demand recognition as a religious power. She is naturally opposed to vice and devoted to religion, and her place could not be filled in the church of Christ. Since the morning of resurrection she has stood in the foreground of God's dispensation of mercy. Of late years she has made such attainments in church work and usefulness that some seem to think she may go too far. There is little need of any such apprehension, it seems to us. Let woman do that work to which God has called her in the church. In nothing does the progress of religious activity in our day assert itself more than in the fact that woman's work is a well-defined and intelligent field of religious activity. As a religious force woman is here to stay until her mission is accomplished and fulfilled. A church with a well-organized ladies' aid society cannot die of inanition. There will be religious life in a church so long as there are devoted women to hold up the preacher's hands and labor with him as those good women labored with the Apostle Paul.

Every year witnesses a steady increase and a wider-spread field of labor which good and devoted women are so well suited to occupy. More societies are being organized, more force is brought to bear, more good accomplished; and so it is that every year woman is becoming a greater blessing to the world.

THOS. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Discussed by Thos. Henderson. Adopted.

The missionary sermon was then preached by Elder W. Wilkes. Text, Rom. 14:7.

Public collection taken for missions, \$11.42, which was ordered to be divided equally among state, home and foreign missions and bible and colportage board.

Report by Treasurer of Indigent Ministers' Fund read by G. A. Joiner:

REPORT OF TREASURER INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1892.			
Sept. 16.	To balance cash on hand	\$307 36	
	To cash from L. M. Johnson to pay note	54 65	
Nov. 1.	To cash from T. R. Burns on note	148 86	
1893.			
Jan. 5.	To cash from J. B. Mynatt, int. on note	12 00	
Feb. 10.	To cash from Bell Burns and others on note	178 80	
	To cash from S. W. Beavers on note of Bell Burns, Beavers and others	59 60	
May 13.	To cash from E. M. Miller, int. on note	15 00	
June 7.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note	40 00	
Aug. 8.	To cash from Baptist church, Talladega, on parsonage	13 62	\$829 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

1892.			
Sept. 24.	By amount paid J. R. Steely	\$ 25 00	
23.	By amount paid E. M. Miller, loan	375 00	
1893.			
Jan. 4.	By cash paid for recording mortgage	1 25	
16.	By cash paid for postage stamps	25	
25.	By cash paid J. R. Steely, donation	25 00	
May 16.	By cash paid J. R. Steely, donation	25 00	
July 5.	By cash paid F. G. Mullen, loan	300 00	
	Balance on hand	78 39	\$829 89

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES I. M. FUND THIS DATE.

Note of J. B. Mynatt and interest	\$ 157 00
Note of James Embry and interest	116 00
Note of N. S. McAfee and interest	1090 40
Note of Talladega Church and interest	1585 51
Note of Smith, Bell Burns and others	183 40
Note of E. M. Miller	360 00
Note of F. G. Mullen	300 00
Amount cash on hand	78 39

Total \$3870 70

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Adopted.

Chairman of Executive Committee reported :

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. Joiner, Chairman Executive Committee, in Account with Coosa River Baptist Association.

1898.

Sept. 12.	To cash on hand last report	\$32 22
	To amount received	0 00—\$32 22
	By amount paid out	0 00
	By amount on hand	32 22—\$32 22

Adopted.

Present Executive Committee re-elected.

Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund: Jno. W. Bishop, G. A. Joiner, C. W. Stringer, J. A. Powe, E. H. Ogletree.

A. W. Bell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Indigent Ministers' Fund be instructed to make some permanent investment of the principal of said fund, so that there shall be no possibility of losing it by loaning or otherwise, thereby fully carrying out the intentions and purposes of the originators in raising this fund.

A. W. BELL.

Adopted.

L. Law offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That any member of this body present at the sittings of any sister Association be authorized to act as a correspondent from this body to said Association.

Adopted.

Elected Messengers to State Convention: T. K. Trotter, D. M. Mallory, G. A. Joiner, F. G. Mullen, Thos. Henderson, M. D. Beavers, J. M. Solley, L. Law, J. N. Cooper, S. W. Welch, W. S. Henderson.

Associational delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Abner Williams; alternate, Jno. C. Williams.

Finance Committee reported:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch						\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00
Alpine	\$10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00		1 00	22 00
Blue Eye	3 07	3 05	3 05			1 50	10 67
Cartersville	2 60	1 50	1 50			1 00	6 60
Childersburg	4 20	4 25	3 90	1 00		1 50	14 85
Coosa Valley	1 00					2 00	3 00
Cropwell	1 67	1 67	1 66			1 00	6 00
Dry Valley	2 00					1 00	3 00
Fort Williams	3 00	3 00	3 00			1 00	10 00
Hepzibah	1 85	1 85	1 80			1 50	7 00
Harpersville						2 00	2 00
Ironaton.							
Lincoln	5 00		5 00	5 00	\$ 2 00	1 00	18 00
Mt. Ida	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 50	4 50
Mt. Zion	2 00	2 00	2 00			1 00	7 00
Mt. Sharon						1 00	1 00
Macedonia	2 00	3 00	1 05				6 05
Munford		1 00	1 00			1 50	3 50
Oxford						4 00	4 00
Providence (Tal.) ..	2 00	5 00	2 50		2 00	50	12 00
Plum Spring	1 00	1 00	1 00			50	3 50
Pleasant Grove	1 60	1 65	1 75			1 50	6 50
Pilgrim's Rest.							
Provid'nce (Sh'by)							
Rocky Mount					1 60	1 00	2 60
Renfro						1 00	1 00
Refuge.							
Riverside	1 70	1 70	1 75			75	5 90
Sycamore					2 00	1 00	3 00
Salem		4 00	4 50			1 50	10 00
Spring Creek	5 00	3 01				1 25	9 26
Seddon	1 30					1 50	2 80
Talladega						5 00	5 00
Tallasahatchie.							
Winterboro	3 30	3 35	3 35			1 50	11 50
Wilsonville	3 88	11 00	2 00	2 50	4 64	1 00	25 02
Oak Grove					2 00	1 00	3 00
New Hope	50	50	50			50	2 00
Totals of col's ..	\$59 17	\$58 03	\$43 31	\$13 50	\$14 24	\$45 00	\$233 25
Public collection	2 85	2 85	2 86		2 86		11 42
Grand totals ..	\$62 02	\$60 88	\$46 17		\$17 10		\$244 67
Error							4 00
From Little Workers at Childersburg for Orphanage							3 00
From Alpine for Associational Fund							50

\$252 17

Received of L. A. Daniel, chairman of Finance Committee, \$250.17, to be turned over to J. A. Powe, Treasurer of Coosa River Association. September 14, 1893.
G. A. JOINER.

Treasurer of Association, J. S. Kelly, reported :

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. S. Kelly, Treasurer, in Account with Coosa River Association.
Dr.

1892.			
Sept. 14.	To balance on hand minute fund .	\$ 11 04	
	To amount from Finance Committee, including public collections and contribution of Little Workers of Childersburg, state missions \$37.85, home missions \$38.01, foreign missions \$60.97, ministerial education \$2.81, bible and colportage \$7.06, minute fund \$50.50	197 20	
	To amount received for ministerial education from A. W. Bell \$6.50, from F. L. Williams \$4	10 50	
	To amount received from G. S. Ham \$3, from Mrs. Harris \$1, from J. A. Peters \$2.50, from Tallassahatchie church \$1.	7 50	
Sept. 21.	To amount from Hepzibah church for missions, equally divided	5 16	
	To amount from Mt. Zion church for missions, equally divided	22 34	
Oct. 24.	To amount from Blue Eye church for missions, equally divided	24 68	
	To due bill W. A. Welch, Jenkins fu'd	21 84	\$300 26

Cr.

By amount paid W. B. Crumpton for home miss.	\$ 55 39
By amount paid W. B. Crumpton for state miss.	55 23
By amount paid W. B. Crumpton, foreign miss.	78 39
By amount paid clerk's salary	20 00
By amount paid G. W. Ellis for min. education	20 81
By amount paid J. B. Collier, bible and colp'age	7 06
By amount paid Jno. C. Williams, printing min.	42 00
By due bill W. A. Welch, returned herewith	21 84

Due Treasurer, to balance . . . \$300 72
46—\$300 26

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

Due Treasurer of Coosa River Association, interest on Jenkins fund, \$21.84.
Sept. 1, 1892, W. A. WELCH, Treas. Alpine Bap. Ch.

Adopted.

Committee on nominations reported :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations make the following report: To preach the next introductory sermon, Rev. T. K. Trotter; alternate, Rev. J. M. McCord. To preach the missionary sermon in 1894, Rev. B. F. Giles; alternate, Rev. Thos. Henderson. Place of next meeting, First Baptist Church of Talladega; time, Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1894.

G. A. JOINER, Chairman.

Adopted.

G. A. Joiner offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby most cordially tendered to our efficient clerk, Bro. Lealis Law, for his generous and self-sacrificing offer to do the work of Clerk of this Association at this session without any salary.

2. That 1000 copies of the minutes be printed, and that said minutes be distributed among the churches in such way as may be deemed practicable and feasible, and as promptly as circumstances may permit.

3. That the Programme of Business, the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed on the first pages of the minutes, as usual.

G. A. JOINER.

Adopted.

Moderator announced Standing Committees for 1894:

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT 1894.

STATE MISSIONS—Thos. Henderson, L. A. Daniel, Sr., J. A. Butts.
HOME MISSIONS—R. A. Kidd, J. H. Pope, J. D. Davis.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—L. Law, G. A. Joiner, W. B. Davis.
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. A. French, A. A. Hutto, W. F. Burke.
GENERAL EDUCATION—J. B. Graham, E. D. Acker, C. B. Hughes.
SABBATH-SCHOOLS—G. S. Ham, J. N. Cooper, L. M. Madden.
TEMPERANCE—F. G. Mullen, W. D. Hancock, H. G. Darby.
COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK—T. K. Trotter, J. M. Solley, J. F.

Parker.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—S. W. Welch, J. L. Dake, J. H. Robertson.

WOMAN'S WORK—Jno. C. Williams, D. B. Oden, Wm. Ray.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE—W. Wilkes, J. F. Pope, H. D. Moore.

The Oxford Baptist Church, at its own request through its messengers, was dismissed to unite with the Calhoun Association.

J. A. French offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association desires to express its warm appreciation of the faithful and impartial manner in which our beloved brother, Major Abner Williams, has served us through a series of years as Moderator.

Resolved, That we part with our brother with sincere regret, wishing for him length of days, happiness and peace, and praying that he may find an abundant entrance into the saint's everlasting rest.

J. A. FRENCH.

Jno. C. Williams offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the messengers composing the 60th annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of Harpersville for their unbounded and christian hospitality during our stay among them; also to the officers of this body for their prompt, impartial and faithful services.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS.

Adopted.

Abner Williams and Lealis Law were appointed a committee to furnish a synopsis of the history of this Association to B. F. Riley, for use in the compilation of his history of the Baptists of Alabama.

N. Willingham offered a resolution that the Clerk be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Association for the sum of five dollars to defray incidental expenses of the clerkship. Adopted.

The Moderator, our venerable brother Abner Williams, for fifty years intimately connected with the interests and labors of this body, then, in a few touching and appropriate words, bade adieu to the Association, resigning the gavel which he had so faithfully and so wisely wielded in conducting the deliberations of the Coosa River Association.

With parting hand, song and prayer, the Association then adjourned to meet with the Talladega Baptist Church on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1894.

ABNER WILLIAMS: MODERATOR.

LEALIS LAW, CLERK.

P. S.—The Committee on Public Worship made ample arrangements for worship in the churches of Harpersville and vicinity, but failed to make any detailed report of their appointments.—CLERK.

STATISTICS OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Mem'p.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabb.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erease.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.			
Antioch	Talladega	J. C. Wright	G. W. Manning	McAdam	96	6		6	1	11				98				1		Yes
Alpine	"	E. E. Teague	W. R. Thompson	Alpine	78					2				76				4		Yes
Blue Eye	"	F. G. Mullen	P. Morgan	Lincoln	97	8	7		6	6	1		1	110				3		Yes
Cartersville	"	Thos. Henderson	F. R. Lanier	Kynulga	58	9	13			3	2			74	10	74		4	Yes	Yes
Childersburg	"	Thos. Henderson	F. Moss	Childersburg	127		1			37				91	6	76	50	3		Yes
Coosa Valley	St. Clair	T. K. Trotter	J. C. Walker	Easonville	145	7	15			13	2			152				1		Yes
Cropwell	"	B. F. Giles	Lealis Law	Cropwell	43	2	3			2			1	45	4	45		3		Yes
Dry Valley	Talladega	J. M. Solley	G. W. Clements	Lincoln	72	20	3		9	2	4			96						Yes
Fort Williams	"	Thos. Henderson	L. A. Daniel	Fayetteville	115	5	3			12	2		1	109	7	41				Yes
Harperville	Shelby	T. K. Trotter	J. M. Burks	Pine View	150	14	4		1	12				153	7	45		2		Yes
Hepzibah	"	B. F. Giles	John Russell	Harpersville	144	9	7			14				146	4	60	100	1	Yes	Yes
Ironaton	Talladega	No report.	D. W. Shadix	Ironaton	94									94*						
Lincoln	"	Geo. D. Harris	A. W. Bell	Lincoln	60	21	1			4				78	5	50		4		Yes
Mt. Ida	"	J. M. Solley	J. A. Parker	Berney	45	26	9			8	4			68	6	40		3	Yes	Yes
Mt. Zion	"	C. S. Johnson	J. W. Langley	Sylacanga	115	14	4	1		8				126	8	88		12	Yes	Yes
Mt. Sharon	"	R. A. Kidd	H. J. Coleman	Achates	66	7	8			4	2		3	74				1	Yes	Yes
Macedonia	St. Clair	R. A. Kidd	D. C. Davis	Vincent (Shelby)	67	1	3	1		3				68				3		Yes
Monford	Talladega	W. J. D. Upshaw	W. D. Wright	Silver Run	101	5	4			13	1			96				3		Yes
New Hope	"	J. A. Butts	A. J. Worthing	Childersburg		4				5				30				12		
Oak Grove	"	E. M. Moore	W. A. Vardaman	Sylacanga		8	9		1					35				1		
Oxford	Calhoun	Geo. D. Harris	T. M. Draper	Oxford	184	20	9	1	1	14	1		4	196	14	150	175	1-3-5		
Providence	Talladega	J. H. Pope	R. F. Brown	Talladega	39	4	6			8				41				3		
Plum Spring	"	D. C. Robinet	O. P. Ford	McFall	47	13	10	13		8	2		1	72				1		Yes
Pleasant Grove	"	T. K. Trotter	B. E. Ogletree	Talladega	58	37	13	2		9				99				4		Yes
Providence	Shelby	J. F. Parker	T. L. Bates	Cresswell	83	4	5			1	1			76				3		Yes
Rocky Mount	Talladega	E. M. Moore	W. B. Owings	Bledsoe	69	3	3			12				60				4		
Reafree	"	Noah Stephens	S. J. Crump	Lincoln	100	7	1	1	1	9		1	2	98	7	41		1		Yes
Riverside	St. Clair	B. F. Brothers	M. S. Jordan	Riverside	22	4	9	4	1	2				38	7	45		2-4		
Sycamore	Talladega	E. M. Moore	M. T. Morris	Sycamore	26	13	1	1		4			1	36				2	Yes	Yes
Salem	"	A. A. Hutto	T. W. Ogletree	Eastaboga	94	20	8		1	11	1			109				3	Yes	Yes
Spring Creek	Shelby	R. A. Kidd	W. H. Kidd	Vincent	63	4	7	4		5			1	72	6	48		2	Yes	Yes
Seddon	St. Clair	T. P. Gwin	T. J. Kilgore	Seddon	80		4	8		5	2		2	81	7	45		3	Yes	Yes
Talladega	Talladega	J. A. French	W. T. Billie	Talladega	231	65	25		3	22	2			300	20	175	300	Every	Yes	Yes
Tallassabatchie	"	F. G. Mullen	J. C. McMillan	Sycamore	91					7		2		89				4		
Wintersboro	"	W. H. Smith	I. W. Rhodes	Alpine	91	10				7				94				1		Yes
Wilsonville	Shelby	J. M. McCord	A. G. Weldon	Wilsonville	49		2	4		1	1		1	52	4	44		2-4		
					2800	363	198	45	34	269	31	29	24	3304	122	1067	625			

*Supposed membership.

Churches organized during the year, Oak Grove and New Hope; dissolved, Pilgrim's Rest; dismissed to other Associations, Oxford and Clear Spring to Calhoun Association.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCH.	Home Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Foreign Miss'ns.	State Missions.	Bible and Colp.	Howard College.	Minutes.	Asso. Purposes.	S. S. Expenses.	WOMEN'S SOCIETY.			Centennial.	Young People.	TOTAL.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Fur.	REMARKS.
										Home Miss.	For. Miss'ns.	Centennial.							
Antioch							\$ 2 00								\$ 2 00			\$ 1000	
Alpine	\$ 10 00		\$ 15 00	\$ 1 00		\$ 5 00	1 00	\$ 50	\$ 4 00		\$10 00	\$20 00	\$ 20 00		56 50	\$ 200	\$ 21 35	2000	
Blue Eye	3 07		3 05	3 05			1 50				\$5 00		20 00		35 67			800	*Paid to visiting ministers
Cartersville	2 60		1 50	1 50			*1 50								7 10			500	*525
Childersburg	3 70	\$5 00	3 75	3 90		7 00	1 50				\$5 00			+10 85	26 35	150	12 00	3000	*For Miss. + Orph. Home.
Coosa Valley	1 00						2 00								3 00	125	10 00	400	
Cropwell	1 66		1 87	1 67			1 00		80 00				15 00		101 00	150	10 00	1000	
Dry Valley	2 00		3 00	3 00			1 00		5 00				14 00		37 60			500	
Fort Williams	3 00		3 00	3 00		3 60	1 00								11 05	125	65 00	800	
Hepzibah	1 80		1 85	1 80			1 50		4 05						47 00	200		1000	
Harpersville							2 00		10 00				35 00						
Ironaton															106 57	250	37 74	1500	
Lincoln	5 00		70 40	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00		18 17						4 50				
Mt. Ida				1 00	1 00		1 50	1 00							52 00		10 00	3000	
Mt. Zion	2 00		2 00	2 00			1 00						45 00		1 00				
Mt. Sharon															6 05				
Macedonia	2 00		3 00	1 05			1 50								11 81				
Munford			4 23	6 03			1 50								2 00				
New Hope	50		50	50			1 00								3 00				
Oak Grove					2 00		1 00								289 95	600	49 69	4000	*100 from L.A.S. +\$4.86 S.S.
Oxford	30 86		29 75	*23 56		10 00	4 00		33 59	\$10 00	10 00		+158 19		12 00	60	15 00	500	
Providence (Talla.)	2 00		5 00	2 50	2 00		50								50	50	15 00	65	
Plum Spring							50								16 50	180		300	
Pleasant Grove	1 60		1 65	1 75		5 00	1 50						5 00					500	
Providence (Shelby)																		300	
Rocky Mount					1 60		1 00								2 60			500	
Renfro	1 00		5 00	1 00			1 00								8 00			500	
Refuge	2 00		2 00	2 00			*1 25		6 95						14 20			500	*Received by Clerk.
Riverside	1 70		1 70	1 75			75						3 23		9 13	40	81 00	800	
Sycamore					2 00		1 00								3 00			500	
Salem			4 00	4 50			1 50								10 00			500	
Spring Creek	5 00		3 01				1 25								9 26			500	
Seddon	1 30						1 50								2 80	75		800	by S.S. \$10.70; by S.S. \$5.20
Talladega	*68 30		*82 24	*58 29	30 00	25 00	5 00		73 54	23 10	23 09		325 40	\$9 45	667 77	1200	\$732 15	14500	by S.S. \$5.20; by Woman's Soc. \$22.09.
Talladega Hatchie.			3 35	3 35			1 50						10 00		23 57	100		1250	
Winterboro.	3 80												38 00		49 50	250	\$140 00	500	
Wilsonville	6 53	3 64	*13 84	17 63	5 00	10 00	1 00						52 00	\$3 64	109 64	350	27 50	600	*48 by S.S.; +for O. Home.
Public collection	2 85		2 85	2 86	2 86														
	\$154 77	\$8 04	\$259 39	\$158 26	\$53 46	\$75 60	\$46 75	\$1 50	\$235 30	\$33 10	\$43 09	\$30 00	\$695 82	\$23 94	1693 62	\$4105	\$1116 43	\$42740	

\$4126.05 by L. S. W. || L. A. S.

In this table it is understood that while the contributions of Women's and Young People's Societies and Sunday-schools are specially noted under their respective headings, yet such contributions are included under appropriate headings elsewhere; and that contributions for Ministerial Education are placed under heading of Howard College, unless otherwise designated.

TO CHURCH CLERKS: Please be careful in making out Statistics and Financial Exhibits and lack of business habits manifested in many of the church letters.—Clerk

The compilation of this and the Statistical Table has been a heavy labor, chiefly owing to the inaccuracies, omissions and lack of business habits manifested in many of the church letters.—Clerk

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